

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended version of paragraph [0041]:

[0041] Optical device 30 also includes a port 42 that accepts at least a portion of an optical component 44. This port 42 has a stepped configuration with optical component 44 at least partially received in a first region 46, while the optoelectronic package, such as a packaged photodetector and lens (not shown) can be received by a second region 48. In this configuration, a first facet 50 of optical component 44 abuts terminal end 34 of optical fiber 36 when fiber 36 engages with housing 32, while an air gap is formed between a second facet 52 of optical component 44 and the lens and photodetector assembly (not shown). In other configurations, other optical components having a refractive index lesser than the refractive index of optical component 44 can be disposed between second facet 52 and of optical component 44 and the optoelectronic package.

No new matter is believed to be introduced as a result of the foregoing amendment to the specification.